The Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) Team uses a consultative and collaborative approach to evaluate the strength of infection prevention in a variety of healthcare settings so that the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) can create tools to improve existing infection prevention capacity.

The Road to a Healthier New Jersey
Grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) supports the ICAR infection prevention team.

Site-Specific Assessments
The CDC has provided setting specific assessment tools for acute care, long-term care, hemodialysis, and other outpatient settings. Visits are consultative and are provided at no cost.

Going Back to Basics
The assessment tool will be sent to the participating facilities in advance. Visits will take one day or less and include clinical observations.

Relationship Building
NJDOH will make these visits simple and valuable. Assessing overall infection prevention throughout the state will have lasting effects on the health and safety of the residents of New Jersey.

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